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RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the final Office action mailed on December 13, 2006. Review and reconsideration in light of the remarks below are requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, 28, 29, 39, 42 and 43 are rejected as defining obvious subject matter over Great Britain Patent No. 2,289,520, in view of the "Mouse Pad Calendar" web page print-out, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,022,170 to House. By way of background, the Great Britain reference is directed to a mouse pad, the Mouse Pad Calendar web site discloses a monthly calendar, and the House reference is directed to a work-surface covering pad with a hard outer cover. The outer cover can have anti-static properties.

In Applicants' Response mailed on September 25, 2006 Applicants argued that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the Great Britain and House